



## St James's Jotter

May 2024

### Parish Community

#### Do This in Memory Masses

1<sup>st</sup> June at 6:30 in St Mary's Greencastle

2<sup>nd</sup> June in St James's Church (Year 3 children will say Prayers of the Faithful)

First Holy Communion (Year 4 children) 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am in St James's Church. Each child can be presented by a maximum of 4 adults. After First Holy Communion mass the families are invited into the Parish Hall for refreshments. Thank you to Cathy and the Parish Hall committee.

Year 7 Leaver's Mass-confirmed- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm in St Mary's Star of the Sea at Whitehouse. [#We can...be connected.](#)

### School Closures

Please remember that we are closed on the following dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

School closes half day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June for the summer holidays

### Admissions

Parents/Guardians who made an application for underage children or a late deferral (stage 2) application will receive their outcome on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Outcomes of admissions to Post Primary Schools for our Year 7 children will be announced on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### Safeguarding

A number of children are being left at school early in the morning without supervision as early as 8:20am. This is a safeguarding concern and should not be happening. Breakfast club is available at a minimal cost. If financing this support is difficult for any families please contact Mrs Clenaghan or Mrs Farrell and talk to us confidentially.

### Reading Partnership

Thank you to those all who volunteered for the programme. It has got off to a great start. It is clear that children and adults alike are enjoying the experience. [# We can.....learn.](#)

### School Meals and School Money

Most parents/guardians are able to use School Money. If you are having any difficulties in making payments or booking school meals, please contact Mrs Brown. It is important for the booking of school meals that parents whose children who are entitled to free school meals, ensure they book their child's meal in advance. Please note that if you are entitled to free school meals, there will not be a charge for this. The numbers are sent from the School Office to the canteen so they can prepare the correct number of meals. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Value of the Month:** Politeness

**Monthly Mathemagician:** Using Izak 9

**Eco Award:** Most Active Class

### Assemblies in May

10<sup>th</sup> May Year 1 Miss Lamont

17<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 Miss Cunningham/Mrs Farrell

24<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 Miss Rooney

### Other Important Dates

Sports Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 [#We can...be fit and healthy.](#)

Reserve Sports Day Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

PTA Summer Fair -Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Year 7 Show – 13<sup>th</sup> June (evening) time to be confirmed

Nursery End of Year Celebration-Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### PTA event-volunteers needed

**The PTA Committee** are asking that 2/3 parents from each class volunteer to help at this year's Summer Fair. Last Year's Fair was a terrific success and we are aware of the amount of team work required to repeat the achievement this year. The teachers will send out a message on SeeSaw this week about the Fair. We ask that at least 2 volunteers from each class offer their name (or the name of a family member) to the teacher as a volunteer. A member of the PTA committee will then be in touch to explain how they can help.

### Sports Day

Sports Day is planned for our Primary School on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (weather permitting). The children should come to school dressed in their PE gear. Sports for children in Years 1-4 will begin at 9.15am and for children in Years 5-7 at 11.00am. Children can go home with parents/guardians afterwards as long as you have informed your child's teacher. Please note that children will not be permitted to walk home – they can stay in school until the end of the school day. There will be school dinners as usual on this day – please ensure that you do not book a meal if your child is going home.

In the event of bad weather, we will make a decision around 8.45am as to whether we will proceed or not. This will be communicated via Facebook and SeeSaw. If we have to postpone, we will then try to have Sports Day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### Care in the Sun

In anticipation of nicer weather, (ever the optimist) I would be grateful if you could please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Children can also bring a hat to school to wear outside. Please ensure that your child brings water (not juice) to school every day – water bottles can be refilled.

### School Holidays

Reminder that you can view the school holidays for this school year on our website under the 'About Us' tab. The holidays for the 24-25 school year are also available. Please remember that family holidays should not be taken during school time.